GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1688
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SMUGGLING OF MEDICINAL HERBS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Medicinal Herbs whose export is banned in the country;

(b) whether these medicinal herbs worth crores of rupees are being illegally exported in the guise of their local names;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken by the Government against the persons found guilty of smuggling; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to save these herbs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The details of the Medicinal Herbs whose export is banned in the country are given at Annexure−I.

(b) No such incidents have been reported by the State Governments.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) State Biodiversity Boards are being constituted under the provision of National Biological Diversity Act and such exports will be regulated as per the provisions of the Act. The export of medicinal herbs is allowed only through the ports of Mumbai, Kolkata, Cochin, Delhi, Chennai, Tuticorin and Amritsar only.

ANNEXURE − I

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT OF PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1688 FOR 14/03/2005 REGARDING SMUGGLING OF MEDICINAL HERBS

The export of under mentioned 29 plants, Plant portions and their derivatives and extracts as such obtained from the wild except the formulations made therefrom, is prohibited:

1. Beddomes cycad (Cyoas beddomei).

2. Blue vanda (Vanda coerulea).

3. Sauggurea costus.

4. Ladies slipper orchid (Paphiopedilium species).

5. Pitcher Plant (Nepenthes khasiana).
6. Red Vanda (Renanthera imschootiana)

7 Reauvalofia serpentina (Sarpagandha).

8. Ceropegia Species.

9. Frerea indica (Shinda Mankundi).

10. Podoophulllum hexandurm (emodi) (Indian Podophyllum).
11. Cyatheacesa species (Tree Ferns)
12. Cycadacca Species (Cycads).
13. Dioscorea delltoidea (Elephant's foot).
14. Euphorbia Species (Euphorbias).
15. Orchidaceae Species (Orchids).
16. Pterocarpus santalinus (Redsanders).
17. Taxus wallichiana (Common yew or Birmi Leaves).
18. Aquilaria malaccensis (Agarwood).
19. Aconitum Species.
20. Coptis teeta.
21. Conscinium fenestrum (Calumba wood).
22. Dactylorhiza hatagirea.
23. Gentiana Kurroo (Kuru)
24. Gnetum Species.
25. Kampherai galenga.
26. Nardostachys grondiglora.
27. Panax Pseudoginseng.
28. Picrorchiza Kurrooa.
29. Swertia chirata (Charayatah).